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	8	Reply to EPO Communication dated 17-Mar-2009, for European Patent Application No. 03 781 225.2-2113, dated 24-Jun-2009 (which is a member of the same patent family as U.S. Application No. 10/539,409).	
	9	Summons to attend oral proceedings for European Patent Application No. 03 781 225.2-2113, dated 04-Jan-2010 (which is a member of the same patent family as U.S. Application No. 10/539,409).	
	10	Written Submission in preparation for oral proceedings submitted during prosecution of European Patent Application No. 03 781 225.2-2113, dated 04-May-2010 (which is a member of the same patent family as U.S. Application No. 10/539,409).	
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21		Minutes from Oral Proceedings at European Patent Office for European Patent Application No. 03 781 225.2-2113, dated 10-Jun-2010 (which is a member of the same patent family as U.S. Application No. 10/539,409).	
22		Amended claims submitted during Oral Proceedings at European Patent Office for European Patent Application No. 03 781 225.2-2113, dated 10-Jun-2010 (which is a member of the same patent family as U.S. Application No. 10/539,409).	
23		Zusammenhang zwischen Spinn temperatur und Durchlässigkeit für verschiedene Membranrezepturen (graph to demonstrate the spinning temperature effect), submitted during Oral Proceedings at European Patent Office for European Patent Application No. 03 781 225.2-2113, dated 10-Jun-2010 (which is a member of the same patent family as U.S. Application No. 10/539,409).	
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